

2015

# WINTER FESTIVAL & HOLIDAY PARADE



# Community Matters

## December 2015 Brings Another Successful Winter Festival, Parade



**O**n Friday, Dec. 11, the Sahuarita Town Center hosted the annual Winter Festival and Holiday Parade. Children and adults alike ice skated on a rink built for the event.

The Holiday Light Parade and the Town Center Christmas tree lit up the night with the festive cheer characteristic of Sahuarita Town events. Volunteers took the initiative to dress as characters from popular children's books and films.

Mayor and councilmembers participated in the family event, reaching out to constituents, mingling and answering questions from residents.

The Walden Grove State Champion PAC Dance Team showed their skill, putting on a winning performance for attendees. As a Sahuarita tradition and signature event, Winter Festival has grown in community participation since its inception.

With each successive year, the festival has added new attractions. This year, the town added a Spirit Loop. The Spirit Loop consisted of stations staffed by each town department featuring different children's activities such as a cookie decorating table, a wish chain, letter writing and photos with Santa.

## The Women of Quail Creek Launch New Scholarship

**T**he Women of Quail Creek have launched a new scholarship initiative to recognize graduating female students from the Sahuarita School District who have demonstrated academic merit and dedication to their community through ongoing involvement.

Applicants must plan a commensurate level of commitment while pursuing their postsecondary education. One female student from each of the two schools, Sahuarita and Walden Grove, will be awarded \$1000 to assist with college expenses from an accredited institution of higher learning. Applications must be received no later than January 31.

The scholarship recipients will be announced in the Spring and invited to a Women of Quail Creek meeting for formal presentation. Applications for the Women of Quail Creek Scholarship can be downloaded at:

[womenqc.com/scholarships](http://womenqc.com/scholarships)  
[Shcounseling.wordpress.com/category/news/Sites.google.com/site/waldengrovecounseling](http://Shcounseling.wordpress.com/category/news/Sites.google.com/site/waldengrovecounseling)

***To inquire about the scholarship project and/or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Scholarship Committee Chair Pat Neel at [patneel1@me.com](mailto:patneel1@me.com) or 520-625-4476.***

# Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

## Coffee with a Cop Embodies Community Outreach from SPD

On Dec. 16, Jerry Bob's Restaurant hosted Sahuarita Police Department's (SPD) Coffee with a Cop. Restaurant customers who interacted with police officers ranged from retirees to young children and families. Many attended the event specifically to speak with local police officers.

The event is aimed at creating relationships between police and citizens in face-to-face interactions without an agenda according to SPD Sergeant Sam Almodova.

SPD officers roamed the small café speaking freely and answering questions from business patrons while pouring coffee for them. "It was a great success," Almodova said. "Having a business to partner with like Jerry Bob's was a great thing. They were all-in and jumped at the chance to host the first one."

Almodova noted that the event was a great chance to bond with the community and help out a local business at the same time. "We're looking for different venues too," Almodova said. "It doesn't have to be coffee."

Interested businesses can contact Almodova at 520-344-7025 and can leave a message if he is not at his desk to receive the call.

SPD plans to continue the program with similar events tentatively scheduled for late summer or early fall when seasonal residents return to town.

Coffee with a Cop is a program that has made its way into police departments across the country in an effort to create and bolster a community oriented attitude among both officers and the citizenry whom those officers serve.



# Parks and Recreation

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

## Kayak, Boat Rentals Available at Lake Park

**T**G Watersports is now offering rentals of kayaks and paddleboats most weekends at Sahuarita Lake Park. The cost for watercraft rentals ranges between \$20 and \$25 per hour.

Sign up for rentals is available at the north entrance gazebo. These services are offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To ensure that all participants are adequately protected from the sun and hydrated, TG Watersports will have sunscreen, water and Gatorade available for purchase.



## What's the Deal with Park Closures After Rain?

**R**ecent winter rains, while truly a blessing in the desert, ensuring a vibrant and green spring, have brought with them their share of minor inconveniences. For one, the overcast skies and cooler temperatures keep many of us indoors while we wait for the normal warmth and sunshine of Sahuarita to return. Our daily routines are sometimes disrupted in various ways.

And for Sahuarita Parks and Recreation we face the challenge of dealing with the wet turf that follows the rain in our parks, dog parks and sports fields. Wet, grass-covered fields are often rendered unusable for a period of time following moderate to heavy rain. This is because the wet

conditions make the turf susceptible to destruction by foot traffic of humans and animals. Any traffic on the wet turf can cause damage that is costly and difficult to repair. Since we cannot predict how quickly the turf will dry out or whether or not the rain forecast will hold true, we often cannot accurately predict when the parks will reopen.

We sincerely appreciate our residents understanding that we close the parks when we do in order to maintain them for optimal use the rest of the year, which by-and-large is dry and sunny!

# Planning and Building

## Building a Town 2015: Here are the Specifics

**T**he Town of Sahuarita Building Safety Department would like to wish each of you a Happy and Safe 2016. The Building Safety Department issued 861 total permits in 2015.

Total permits included New Single Family Residence, Remodels and Additions, New Commercial, Commercial Remodels and Additions, Pools/Spas, Walls, Utilities, Solar, Porches, Patios, Demolition, Fire Sprinklers, Event Tents, Signs and Model Plans.

In 2015, 240 Single Family Residence permits were issued which was up by 57 permits from 2014.

Twenty-seven Commercial permits were issued in 2015, which included Sweet Pediatric Dentistry, Pets Club, Taco Bell, Brake Max, Sahuarita Self Storage, Rancho Sahuarita Club House Remodel, and the Denny's Remodel. In 2014, there were 23 Commercial Permits issued.

As the Town of Sahuarita continues to grow, always remember that your safety is our priority.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning and Building Department at 520-822-8866 or visit our website at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/PlanningandBuilding>.



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[Click here to view the Spring Program Guide for 2016](#)



**Sahuarita**  
**PARKS**  
& RECREATION

**PROGRAM GUIDE**

**SPRING 2016**  
CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS!

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HOW TO REGISTER:

Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at Anamax Recreation Center. All classes and programs, unless otherwise noted are also available for registration at [sahuaritaaz.gov/ParksandRec](http://sahuaritaaz.gov/ParksandRec) or walk-in at Anamax Recreation Center, 17501 S. Camino De Las Quintas.

Find us on social media for new information, cancellations and promotions.

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# Coming Events

JAN. 15



**GREASE COLLECTION**  
SATURDAY, JAN. 9  
9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.  
**SAHUARITA**  
TOWN HALL COMPLEX  
375 W. SAHUARITA CENTER WAY



## Memorial 5k Glow Run



**Saturday February 13th**  
**6-8pm**

First 100 people  
registered will receive  
**FREE t-shirts**

Located at the  
**Sahuarita Lake Park**  
15466 S. Rancho Sahuarita  
Blvd.

**Registration is \$10 and starts at 5:30 pm the day of the event**

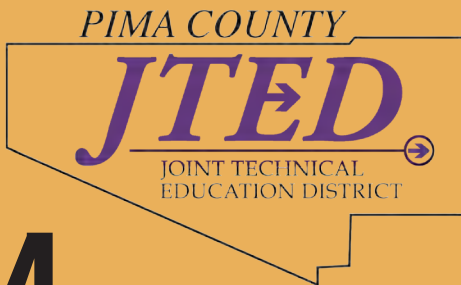


This event is neither sanctioned nor sponsored by the Sahuarita School District, it is provided as a community service.

# Coming Events

## STUDENT SHOWCASE WALDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS

GOT JOBS?  
GOT EQUIPMENT?  
LET'S BUILD YOUR  
SKILLED WORKFORCE!



**JAN. 14**

**6 TO 7:30 P.M.**

**15510 S. SAHUARITA PARK RD.**

Contact:

Kirk Perrini

[kperrini@pimajted.org](mailto:kperrini@pimajted.org)

(520) 352-JTED (5833)

Reserve your space today

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Buffelgrass  
is a  
wildfire  
waiting  
to  
happen.

**Beat Back  
Buffelgrass**

**Saturday, Jan 23, 2016**

We need you- To volunteer, sign up online at:  
[www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org)

Sponsored by Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center.

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WITH CITY OF TUCSON  
[WWW.TUCSONAZ.GOV/TREECYCLE](http://WWW.TUCSONAZ.GOV/TREECYCLE)

**DEC. 6  
TO  
JAN. 12**

FOR DETAILS: RECYCLING INFO LINE 791-5000